

The days and nights of concentrated effort were no doubt responsible for the very fine work that our young man did in the shorthand contests, which were so popular at that time, and in the important positions that he later attained. His demonstrated ability was a main reason for his being chosen to report a speech that was a turning point in his life.

While still a young fellow, he was sent to report an address of the Governor of New Jersey. He did so well that when this Governor was nominated for the Presidency of the United States, he sent for the young lad whose accurate transcript had won his admiration. At the close of the campaign, the lad returned to his job as a stenographer. He was later called to serve as personal stenographer and official reporter to the newly elected President. It was with the President that he went to Europe and had the unique experience of living in the palace of a king, for it surely was unique for a commoner to live with royalty.

This young man lived a long and exciting life with travels throughout the world. He told many interesting stories of his experiences in all of the foreign lands he was privileged to visit while in the service of the President. One democratic king presented him with a very beautiful stickpin, and a gold cigar case was given to him by another. But of such presents he rarely talked. He told only of the interesting human dramas and of the players in the affairs of the world.